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1. In the latter part of 1954 the Soviet Union placed a large order with USIA for hydraulic generators. This order amounted to about 110 to 120 million Austrian schillings. Generators were to range between 10,000 and 50,000 kw. and were to be produced by two electrical machinery plants subordinate to USIA's A/O Kabel Division: Siemens Schukert II and AEG Union. This order was to be completed during the first quarter of 1956 with the bulk of the work being done by Siemens Schukert II. The AEG Union plant received a relatively small portion of the order (15 to 18 million Austrian schillings) and was not to produce generators with an output of more than 25,000 kw.
2. Source heard that this order was to be followed by others in the magnitude of 200 million Austrian schillings calling for production of generators of the same type and power output during 1956 and 1957. These generators, like all goods produced in USIA plants, were to be built according to Austrian standards (DINs) and not according to All Union standards (GOSTs) since to produce anything according to GOSTs the plants would have had to receive raw material from the USSR which met Soviet standards.
3. Source deduced that these generators were to be installed in a number of new hydro-electric stations under construction in the USSR, since upon completion the generators were to be shipped in the name of Mashino Import to Chop and then to the USSR. However, not even the chief of USIA knew the exact destination of the generators. Source could recall no further particulars regarding these generators since the order arrived only a short time

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